Camp of the 44th Y S V
in front of Petersburg Va
August 14/64

Dear Parents

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am permitted to answer your
kind & most welcome letter
which arrived some nights ago
It found me rather under the
weather & had a severe attack of
the fever which racked me fully
seven for three days The night-
that I was the sickest I was on
picket I never suffered so much
with a head ache as I did that
night my eyes seemed starting
from their sockets next morn
came in & sent for some
medicine took a good gum
full of quinine & soar powders
Soon felt better I am quite
well now So that I can eat

a regular meal you know that
I can stand it as long as I can
eat when I cant I play out
To day is Sunday a very warm day
it has been about three Oclock we
were favored with a Shower
which lasted about 2 hours we
have also had a feast of Water
melons they only Cost for a
lot that ate 86 But we must
have a taste cost what it may
Dewit Smith was here to
day he looks health & long
believe that he reenlisted he is
nearly as heavy as I am

There is
some prospects of our moving
soon Some where Where I cant
Say we keep four days rations
on hand ready for any emergency
yesterday there was heavy cannonading
on our rite Some report that our
men captured a fort & 16 guns

I Some say that Butler will send us back East - tell me any thing about what you hear There is heavy cannonading there now while I am writing I think my self that there is something going on There was quite a number came to the Regt yesterday Some that were wounded in the skirmish. I have just finished supper guess what I had, Codfish mashed up into as good gravy as ever you saw I a good cup of tea The flys almost murder us any a Body think the Boys nice average more than one dip of blood apiece in their wine flys are just like a swarm of bees around once head if you sit still a moment or stop fighting them they early take French leave I have been paid off Got 13 months pay I have a Gilt Shield on my jacket but

I shant send it this time mail
a little bill the rush of money
gets away & there wont be quite so
much risk to run Hood blair
had a letter from home written the
same night that his mother died
he took it very calm But he feels
sad it seems more on account of his
time being so near out But it was
so ordered & could not be other wise
Homan Says I must mind that
little Girl & let him to call on
some of its numerous aunts dont
you think that fair If it had been of
there the 4th Then I would not of
hesitated you know that I dont
owe any thing to with the girls
I know we have just 40 days left
right by 30 in the enlistments
yet Then look for Three Cheers
& a Good tiger I must close for
it is dark read this if you can if
not send it back & I will write again
(Genuine This is the recipe)
Remember
me to all except my love &
best wishes
Yours

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